“ADVENTURE TIME”
BOXCARS

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Featured Characters:

Finn
Jake
Alpha Marvin, leader of the Hoboes
Starvo Slim, a Hobo
Jimmy Sidecar, a lesser Hobo
Chambreaux, a werewolf
Various Hoboes

THE ADVENTURE:

ACT 1

Finn and Jake hang out late at night around a bunch of old abandoned trains.

Suddenly an alarm clock rings nearby! It's Jake's train-spotting clock. JAKE: "10 seconds, dude. Get ready." FINN: "Get ready for what?"

A mystery train BURSTS from the ground like a dolphin and plummets back down to earth, disappearing into another hole. Finn is awestruck! Jake marks the event in his train-spotting book.

Finn asks a million questions about the train, but Jake doesn't know the answers. "That's not what train-spotting is about, Finn."

FINN VOWS TO LEARN ALL THE MYSTERIES OF THE MYSTERY TRAIN! Jake explains that the train comes by every day at noon and midnight, so they can catch it the next day.

The next day at noon, Finn and Jake hambone at the train-spotting spot while they wait for the train.

Jake's train-spotting clock rings! "10 seconds!" They jump up at the perfect time and tumble into the train.

ACT 2

They land in the middle of a bunch of HOBOS. ALPHA MARVIN, the alpha hobo, demands that Finn give them his backpack. "No way!" "Then give us your dog!" "NO.. WAY!" They explain that hobos share with each other, and Finn needs to give them something, OR ELSE!

As Finn and Jake pat around their pockets for something to give the hoboes, they can't help but start ham-boning again. The hobos love it!

HAMBONE SCENE. All the hobos join into the ham-boning. They are satisfied that Finn has shared something very special with them.

Finn and Jake journey through the train. They travel across a dense jungle of cardboard castles, tarps and rusty bear traps which make up the Hobo apartments. As Finn and Jake explore they learn all sorts of secrets about the train:

- The man in the abandoned steam engine explains that the train's powered by falling stars funneled through tamed whirlwinds. WHOA!

- The hoboes making mulligan stew tell Finn about an ancient hobo king who built the train, and brought pigs and wolves to raise (there are some pigs and wolves fenced in separate corals along the train cars walls). OH!

- While Finn tries his hand at drawing some hobo signs, a drawing hobo explains that the train runs underneath the circumference of the whole world and is responsible for keeping the planet spinning. WHAT?! This place is amazing!

As Finn and Jake bask in the amazingness of the train... Finn suddenly notices a huge nuclear-waste-looking door behind some canvas curtains. "Whoa! What's in there!?"

All the hobos on the train become silent. "Don't ask about that! You'll be alright as long as you don't ask about that!" They explain that only Alpha Marvin is allowed to go into that door. "Why?" "Only the Alpha Hobo is allowed to know! Shh, shh... quiet, before Alpha Marvin hears you!"

But Alpha Marvin already heard. "Are you challenging my authority?" Finn says he just wants to know what's behind the door. Finn and Alpha Marvin argue about what it means to be a hobo. FINN: "You guys said hobos share with each other! YOU'RE no hobo at all!" Alpha Marvin is pissed. "I accept your challenge! The winner of this hobo fight will be Alpha Hobo of this train!"

Finn doesn't know what he got himself into. A hobo grabs Finn by the arms and fastens some piglets onto his fists, while wolves are fastened onto Alpha Marvin. Buckets of water are provided... it's a WET TAIL WHIPPING FIGHT!

During the fight, it becomes apparent that although Alpha Marvin has all the advantages (height, weight, wolves) he's not a very good fighter. He's weak from lack of exercise, sunlight, and vitamins. While Finn's dipping his pigs' tails for his next whip attack, Jake reminds him that if he wins the fight, he'll be stuck on the train FOREVER, as the alpha hobo. JAKE: "You really want that? You'll never see princess bubblegum again." FINN: "What does SHE have to do with it? I just want to see what's behind that door! I vowed to learn everything." JAKE: "I don't know man. I'm just sayin."

Finn weighs the options seriously. Extend this? His honor, or his life. During an opportunity where he can defeat Alpha Marvin, he throws the fight. FINN LOSES!

The hobos congratulate Alpha Marvin, while Jake tries to convince Finn he made the right choice. Alpha Marvin offers Finn a gentlemanly handshake. Finn reluctantly accepts (he's pretty sore about throwing the fight).

ALPHA MARVIN: "It was a good fight, but now it's time for y'all to catch the westbound boys." Finn doesn't know what that means. Alpha Marvin draws his finger across his throat (meaning Finn and Jake will be killed). YIKES!

ACT 3

FINN: "WHAT?! I just asked to see what was inside that door! You guys are all backwards. You live in this glorious train with this amazing history, and you SAY you're supposed to SHARE… But Alpha Marvin is running you guys like a bunch of chumps! You should decide your OWN lives! All Hoboes are created equal! You ALL deserve to see what's behind this door!"

"NO WE DON'T!" the hobos reply in unison. They aren't very progressive. They move towards Finn and Jake, and push them towards the edge of the boxcar.

FINN: "JIMMY SIDECAR! I know YOU feel different!"

Jimmy sidecar, a runty little hobo who we've never seen before, looks like a deer caught in headlights. He looks deeply conflicted.

Suddenly Jake's alarm goes off. "10 seconds, dude! If we time it perfect, we'll make it out of here alive!" But Finn isn't ready to jump - he still wants to see what's behind that stupid door! Finn and Jake struggle with the Hobos, who are trying to push them off the train into the abyss below.

JIMMY SIDECAR: "You're right... I do feel differently!"

JAKE: ""Three... Two... One... Gotta go!" Jake grabs Finn and jumps backwards off the train. Everything moves in slow motion as, at the very last second, Jimmy Sidecar dives for the door and swings it wide open. Finn's eyes widen as he sees...

A GIANT FARTING BUNNY! And he looks very embarrassed for being exposed.

Finn and Jake land safely on the ground in the abandoned train yard, as the giant farting bunny train farts down into the tunnel.

Finn and Jake give each other a bro-hug and conclude that they're through with train-hopping for a while. They'll settle for just hopping around their tree fort

together.

Finn picks up a stick and ties Jake on it like a hobo bindle. They walk off back to their tree fort and into the sunrise (all the while trying to out tall-tale one another.)

THE END